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EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

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on 28 March 1974

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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
OF THE EEC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION

29 April 1974

Mr Cornelis BERKHOUWER
President of the European Parliament
European Centre
Robert Schuman Building
LUXEMBOURG-KIRCHBERG

Dear Mr President,

We have pleasure in sending you the text of the recommendations adopted on 28 March 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association at the end of the XVIIth Meeting in Berlin.

Kamran INAN
Chairman-in-Office

Yours sincerely,
Ludwig FELLERMAIER
Co-Chairman

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XVII MEETING

24 - 28 March 1974

Reichstag

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, meeting in Berlin from 24 to 28 March 1974, under the chairmanship of the chairman-in-office, Mr Kâmrân INAN, and the joint chairman, Mr Ludwig FELLERMAIER,

- having heard Mr Hans APEL, Parliamentary Secretary of State to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, President-in-office of the Council of the European Communities and of the EEC-Turkey Association Council and Mr İsmail EREZ, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and head of the delegation from the Turkish government, and Mr Patrick John HILLERY, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities;
- after a wide-ranging discussion, particularly on the future development of the EEC-Turkey association, and having regard to the statements made by the rapporteurs, Mr Mustafa PARLAR and the Marquess of LOTHIAN;
- having heard the experts of the Commission of the European Communities, the Turkish government, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Senator for Labour and Social Affairs of Berlin on the problems of Turkish workers employed in the Community and more particularly in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Berlin;

adopted the following recommendations which have been forwarded to the Association Council, to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, to the Turkish government, to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and to the European Parliament.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- having noted the declarations of the Chairman-in-office of the Association Council;
- pending the presentation of the Ninth Report of the Association Council;
- noting that, with the entry into force on 1 January 1974 of the interim Agreement, Turkey now benefits, with a few exceptions, from duty-free entry to the markets of the whole of the enlarged Community for its industrial exports and that, in addition, new agricultural concessions granted by the Community came into force on the same date after the first review pursuant to Article 35 (3) of the additional protocol;
- emphasizing that ten years after the entry into force of the Association Agreement, despite a considerable increase in the volume of trade, Turkey's trade deficit with the Community countries seems to be widening;
- noting the concern expressed about the adverse consequences that the world responsibilities of the European Community and its policy of trade concessions to numerous developed or developing countries might have for Turkey, in terms of the balance of the reciprocal obligations established by the Association Agreement;
- recalling that the aim of the Association is to permit the ultimate accession of Turkey to the European Community;

Requests the Association council to ensure that:

1. additional efforts are made to bring about the widest possible application of all the provisions of the agreements for promoting the development of Turkish exports in both the industrial and agricultural sectors;
2. while confirming the Community measures to prevent discrimination against Turkey in relation to the countries benefiting from the system of generalized preferences, the request for the inclusion of Turkey in the list of these countries is re-examined;
3. the machinery for consultations between the Community and Turkey is strengthened, in order to adapt, by suitable compensatory measures, the advantages already provided under the Association system to the subsequent commitments of the Community towards third countries;
4. measures are taken to counteract the adverse consequences for the Turkish economy of the increase in the price of oil products;

5. now that the Association between the Community and Turkey is entering its second decade, an action programme to give it new impetus is drawn up in such a way as to provide Turkey with further preferences which would facilitate its accession to the Community.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- emphasizing the special importance that it attaches to the problems of the Turkish workers employed in the Community countries;
 - recalling the provisions of the additional protocol, particularly articles 36 to 39;
 - drawing attention to the fact that, since the entry into force of the transitional stage of the Association, the Council has the power of decision in this matter;
1. Regrets that the Association Council has not yet been able to co-ordinate the efforts of the Member States to make Community arrangements for Turkish workers in the Community taking into account their status as citizens of an associated country which wishes ultimately to accede to the Community;
 2. Requests therefore that special efforts be made to:
 - (a) provide Turkish workers with a social security system more favourable than those from which they benefit under the bilateral agreements, to allow them, in particular, to enjoy all the rights they have acquired during their residence in the different countries of the Community;
 - (b) promote initiatives - both in Turkey and in the host countries - to give migrant workers access to occupational training;
 - (c) improve the reception arrangements, in particular those connected with accommodation and schooling;
 - (d) make it easier for workers' families to join them with the least possible delay;
 3. Considers that machinery should be quickly set up to promote the recruitment and the security of employment of Turkish workers in the Community countries;
 4. Considers that urgent measures should be taken to ensure that the employment situation of Turkish workers is relatively less affected by market fluctuations than that of other foreign workers.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- recognizing the need to accelerate the industrialization of Turkey through an industrial policy designed to stimulate the development of key-sectors of the economy;
- noting with satisfaction that the Third Five Year Plan of Development and the long-term development strategy drawn up to implement it aim to provide Turkey, at the end of a period of 22 years, with a standard of living and an economic structure which will enable it to accede to the Community;
- expressing its conviction that the objectives laid down in the development plans and the long-term development strategy are, at the same time, well suited to promoting the achievement of the Association's objectives;

Requests the Association Council:

to report to it on the results achieved through the application of the existing agreements and protocols, and on the measures which might prove necessary - including a review of existing arrangements - to enable the Association to contribute fully to the achievement of the objectives being pursued under Turkey's development plan.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- recalling the political aims of the Association between the Community and Turkey;
- emphasizing the fact that Turkey confirmed, on the occasion of the legislative elections of 14 October 1973, its attachment to the principles of liberty and democracy on which the European Community is based and that it is therefore ready to contribute to the efforts being made to achieve the political integration of Europe;
- aware of the need for our peoples to unite their efforts to safeguard peace and security;

recommends that the Association Council should:

1. intensify contacts between the Governments of the Member States of the Community and the Turkish Government on all international matters which might strengthen the development of the Association between the Community and Turkey;
2. taking into account the objectives set out in Article 2 of the Ankara Agreement, strengthen still further the links designed to promote coordinated action by the Turkish Government and the Governments of the Member States of the Community, in face of the changing problems of international political cooperation.